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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-29 were allowed by Examiner Joseph F. Edell in the Notice of Allowability dated October 1, 2008.

The restriction requirement has been withdrawn and therefore claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 13, and 28 have been rejoined and fully examined for patentability.

Rejoined claims 6, 8, and 13 have been amended to delete the word "tubular" so that the language of these claims corresponds with the language of claim 1 (see change to claims 1 and 5 in Amendment mailed December 19, 2006).

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and that the allowability of the claims is not affected. Accordingly, entry of the instant amendment is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find it necessary to speak with Applicants' attorney, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below

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